

THE REV. J. L. ZABRISKIE.

The Rev. Jeremiah Lott Zabriskie, a former president of the New York Entomological Society, died on April 2, after a brief illness, in his seventy-sixth year. Notwithstanding his advanced age, Mr. Zabriskie was an active member of the Society, in constant attendance at its meetings. His physical and mental powers were remarkably preserved; he took part in the 1909 Decoration Day Excursion and at the meeting of March 15, about two weeks before his death, he spoke for an hour on the anatomy of *Bruchus discoides*, illustrating his remarks with lantern slides prepared by himself.

Born in the old town of Flatbush, Long Island, February 3, 1835, Mr. Zabriskie received his early education at Erasmus Hall Academy; later he attended Columbia College and was graduated in 1853. He prepared for the ministry at Rutgers Theological Seminary and held many important pastorates up to his retirement in 1883. From that time Mr. Zabriskie devoted his life to studies in natural science, principally in microscopy and the microscopic structure of insects. He was skilled in the preparation of microscopic material; made a collection of sections of wood and mounts of parts of insects. The Society often had the pleasure of hearing him explain the most minute structures and of seeing his figures thrown upon the screen. He also interested himself in the small hymenopterous parasites and reared from the cells of *Ceratina dupla* two very remarkable parasites which have been named in his honor *Diomorus zabriskii* Cres. and *Axima zabriskii* How.

In addition to his activity in the New York Entomological Society Mr. Zabriskie was a member of the Microscopical Society and of the Brooklyn Entomological Society, serving each for many years as its president.

Gifted by nature with a noble presence and a rich and powerful voice, Mr. Zabriskie had further so cultivated his oratory that his addresses before the Society were followed with pleasure by his fellow members, to whom his death, coming though it did painlessly and in the fullness of years, brings with it a sense of irreparable loss.